

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2664 - SB 2752

February 26, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL: Provides that drug offenses involving methamphetamine shall be punished one classification higher if the defendant knows there is a minor present and the minor is not a co-defendant or in any way criminally responsible for the violation.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

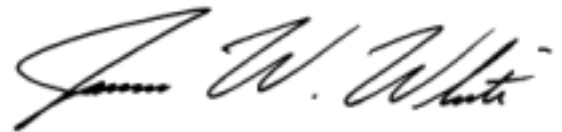
Increase State Expenditures - \$4,983,300/Incarceration*

Assumes 200 offenders will receive a sentence one classification higher, which would be a Class C felony elevated to a Class B felony. This estimate is based on data from the Tennessee Commission on Children, Youth C-Port and the Department of Children's Services concerning children in state custody whose parents were involved in methamphetamine offenses.

**Section 9-4-210, TCA, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law. The amount appropriated for operating cost, in current dollars, shall be based upon the highest cost of the next 10 years, beginning with the year the additional sentence to be served impacts the correctional facilities population.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director